

ESCHATOLOGY

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"eschatos" = last

"logia" = study, discourse, discussion, teaching
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"eschaton" = The last event, the end

The doctrine of last things

Cyclical view of history vs. Linear view of history.

Eschatology & Christian Hope

Theology of Hope – forward-looking, promise, fulfillment and hope

Triads of major Christian virtues – Faith, love, hope

Hope and the Triune God (Rom.15:13; 1Tim.1:1; Titus 2:13)

People of hope (1 Thess.4:13)

The Christian Hope

A blessed hope (Titus 2:13)

A comforting hope (1Thess.4:18)

A Purifying hope (1Jn.3:2-3)

A hope laid up for you in heaven (Col.1:5)

A hope of the glory of God (Rom.5:2)

The Christian Hope

A *living* hope (1Pet.1:3)

A hope set before us (Heb.6:18)

Hope as an *anchor of the soul* (Heb.6:19)

A *sure and steadfast* hope (Heb.6:19)

A hope which *enters within the veil* (Heb.6:19)

Eschatology & Apocalypticism

"Apocalypsis" = Revelation, disclosure (Rev.1:1).

Revelation of end-time prophetic events, establishment of the Kingdom of God.

Apocalyptic Literature – heavenly secrets related to end times revealed and described by means of visions, dreams, signs, symbols, images. Describing the indescribable (Book of Daniel, Revelation).

Types of Eschatology

- 1. Realized Eschatology
- 2.Inaugurated Eschatology
- 3. Futuristic Eschatology
- 4. Dispensational Eschatology